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TO

Make Special Provisions in relation to the Constitution of  
certain Polling Districts at Parliamentary Elections in  
Ireland. A.D. 1872.

WHEREAS the chairman of quarter sessions and the justices  
of the peace having jurisdiction in each county and riding  
of a county in Ireland assembled at special sessions, appointed and  
held in pursuance of the provisions of section eighteen of the Ballot  
5 Act, 1872, have made orders dividing such counties and ridings  
respectively into polling districts, and appointing in such districts  
respectively places for taking the poll at contested elections for  
members to serve in Parliament for such counties respectively;  
but such orders will not be of any validity until the same are  
10 confirmed in manner by the said section prescribed:

And whereas it is expedient to accelerate the confirmation of  
such orders, and to make provisions such as are in this Act  
contained, so that the said orders may take effect more speedily:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,  
15 by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and  
Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,  
and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The following provisions with reference to the confirmation  
of the said orders made before the passing of this Act, and to the  
20 publication of the same, shall be in force and have effect, and the  
same shall, in relation to the said orders, be substituted for the pro-  
visions contained in sub-sections 8, 9, and 10 of section 18 of the  
Ballot Act, 1872:

(1.) It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other chief  
25 governor or governors of Ireland, by and with the advice  
of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, to confirm all  
or any of the said orders, either as the same now stand  
or with such variation, alteration, or modification as may  
seem fit, and such confirmation shall in the case of the

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said orders be a confirmation within the meaning and for the purposes of section 18 of the Ballot Act, 1872, and every such order so confirmed shall be valid and binding :

- (2.) When any such order has been confirmed as aforesaid, the clerk of the Privy Council in Ireland shall transmit a 5 copy of the same to the clerk of the peace of the county to which the same relates, and notice of the making and confirming of the said order shall be published once in the Dublin Gazette, but it shall not be necessary to publish the said order in the Dublin Gazette or otherwise. 10

Arrangement of voters in new polling districts.

2. The provisions of sub-section eleven of section eighteen of the Ballot Act, 1872, shall with respect to the formation for the first time of the separate lists of voters in the new polling districts, constituted under the said orders, confirmed in manner by this Act directed, be in force and have effect subject to the modifications 15 following :

- (1.) The precept of the clerk of the peace to the clerk of the union in pursuance of the said provisions shall be according to the form in the schedule to this Act annexed, and the return to the same shall be made in accordance with 20 the requirements stated therein, and shall be transmitted to the clerk of the peace within six days after the receipt thereof by the clerk of the union :
- (2.) The directions contained in the schedule to this Act annexed in relation to the arrangement of alphabetical lists, and 25 to the arrangement, entitling, and endorsement of lists of voters, shall be substituted for the directions in such behalf respectively under the provisions of said sub-section eleven :
- (3.) In case the business of the sessions of the peace to be holden 30 in any county or riding of a county next after the confirmation of the orders relating to such county or riding, shall be completed before the expiration of the notice of the time and place for holding the court of revision in pursuance of the provisions of said sub-section eleven, or if 35 for any reason such revision shall not be proceeded with at the time appointed by such notice, it shall be lawful for the chairman (and he is hereby required) to adjourn the said sessions to some future day, which shall be fixed by such chairman in such manner that the said lists shall be 40 revised by him at some period not exceeding fourteen days from the printing of the said lists, and the said sessions

shall, if necessary, be adjourned from time to time, but shall not be permitted to terminate until the said lists shall have been revised :

5 (4.) In the event of the sessions of the peace for any county or riding of a county, holden next after the confirmation of the orders relating thereto, being terminated before the said lists shall have been revised, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, to appoint special sessions to be held 10 by the chairman of quarter sessions for such county or riding at such place (within such county or riding) and at such time as shall seem fit for the purpose of revising such lists :

15 (5.) In case at any such court of revision it is proved to the satisfaction of the chairman holding the same that there is in the order relating to such county or riding, confirmed in manner aforesaid, any clerical error, such chairman shall correct every such clerical error, and shall sign his name 20 to each such correction, upon such order so confirmed, and then and in every such case the said order shall be read and construed as if the same had originally contained the said correction.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Polling Short title.  
25 Districts (Ireland) Act, 1873."

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## SCHEDULES.

PRECEPT of the Clerk of the Peace to the Clerk of the Union.

To the Clerk of the Poor Law Union of

County of

Polling district of [*here state name of polling district*], consisting 5  
of [*here state precisely (as described in order of chairman and*  
*justices as confirmed [or if altered as altered and confirmed] by*  
*Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council*), name of barony or baronies,  
*half barony or half baronies, townland or townlands, parish or*  
*parishes, and places constituting such polling district*]. 10

In pursuance of the provisions of the Polling Districts (Ireland)  
Act, 1873, you are herewith transmitted a copy of the order of  
the chairman of quarter sessions and justices of the county of  
[*or riding of* ], made on the  
day of , and confirmed [*or altered and confirmed*] by the 15  
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and Privy Council on the  
day of constituting the several polling districts situate  
within the county of , together with a copy in respect of  
each polling district situate wholly or in part within the Poor Law  
Union of , of the present register of voters for the barony 20  
of and half barony of [*or baronies of*  
and half baronies of ], being every barony and half barony  
from or out of which such polling district has been constituted,  
and you are hereby required, immediately on the receipt hereof,  
with the assistance of the respective collector or collectors of poor 25  
rates for the poor-law union of (which assistance the said  
collector or collectors are hereby required to give) to write in the  
margin of each of the said lists of registered voters, opposite to the  
name of each person whose name shall be on such list in respect of  
property situate wholly or in part within such poor-law union and 30  
within the said polling district, the name of the polling place of  
such polling district; and for the better enabling you to ascertain  
the half barony, parish or other sub-division in which such pro-  
perty respectively may be situate, you are at liberty to refer to and  
make use of any tables or lists of valuations, and revisions thereof, 35  
of which any copies or copy may have been lodged with you or

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transmitted to the board of guardians of your union by the commissioners of valuation in Ireland. You shall sign such lists with such and no other marginal observations, and verify the same as true and correct, according to the best of your knowledge and belief, by an oath or declaration to be made by you before a justice of the peace in and for the said county, which oath or declaration any such justice is hereby authorised and required to administer or take; and you shall return the said lists so verified to me within the space of six days next after the receipt thereof by you.

10 DIRECTIONS for ALPHABETICAL LISTS to be made by Clerks of the Peace.

The clerk of the peace shall, from the copies of the register transmitted to him by the clerks of the respective unions, select the names of the persons entitled to vote in respect of property in each polling district, and make out and arrange the lists in alphabetical order, omitting in the margin opposite each name the name of the polling place written therein, and may entitle the same as follows:

20 The LIST of PERSONS on the register of voters as entitled to vote at any election of a member or members of Parliament for the county of \_\_\_\_\_, in respect of property situate wholly or in part within the polling district of \_\_\_\_\_.

Number, the electoral clerk of peace's objection as to other persons.	Remarks, or reasons for entering the clerk of the peace's objections on the list.	Number prefixed to each name on the register.	Christian name and surname of each person on the register.	Place of abode.	Nature of qualification.	Amount of qualification or value.	Townland or other designation, street, lane, or other like place in the polling district, and number of house of entry, and the parish and barony where the property is situate, or name of the tenant (if any), or the qualification consists of a residence, the name of the owner of the property out of which such qualification arises, or one of them, and the parish and barony. (Not if only certain townlands or places in the parish in which the property is situate be in the polling district, then state the townland, place, parish, and barony in which the property is situate.)

A.D. 1872. DIRECTIONS as to arrangement, entitling, and endorsement of lists of voters of each polling district by clerks of the peace.

The arrangement and entitling of lists of voters shall be according to the form following:

County of

Polling district of

Copy of the register (so far as relates to the polling district of , consisting of [*here state precisely (as described in order of chairman and justices as confirmed [or if altered, as altered and confirmed] by Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council*] *name of barony or baronies, half barony or half baronies, townland or townlands, parish or parishes, and places constituting such polling district*] of persons entitled to vote at any election of a member or members of Parliament for the county of until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Names for entering electors of persons as to other than usual occupiers.	Names or aliases for entering the clerk of the peace's signature as to usual occupiers.	Number prefixed to each name on the register.	Christian name and surname of each person on the register.	Place of abode.	Noters of qualification.	Amount of qualification or rating.	Townland or other description, street, lane, or other place in the polling district, and number of house or acre, and the parish and barony where the property is situate, or name of the property, and the name of the tenant of the property, or the name of the owner of the property and of which such outcrops, messes, or one of them, and the parish and barony. (That if only certain townlands or places in the parish in which the property is situate be in the polling district, then state the townland, place, parish, and barony in which the property is situate.)

The endorsement shall be as follows:

County of

Polling district of

Polling place



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(Ireland).

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to the Constitution of certain Polling  
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